

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-22, 24, 26, 27, 29-36, 51-58, and 62-84 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 23, 25, 28, 37-50, and 59-61 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 8, 52, 64, and 72 have been amended. New claims 81-84 have been added. This amendment is identical to that presented in the response to Advisory Action filed on January 30, 2007, with the exception that claims 25 and 28 have been cancelled by the present amendment. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 7, lines 18-31, and page 15, lines 22-27. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Advisory Action dated February 21, 2007 stated that newly proposed or amended claims 1-16, 18-21, 26, 33-36, 51-58, and 62-84 (as presented in the reply dated January 30, 2007) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely-filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims. The action stated that the proposed amendments to these claims would overcome the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 103.

Claims 1-16, 18-21, 26, 33-36, 51-58, and 62-84 have been amended/presented herein in exactly the same manner as in the reply of January 30, 2007. As a result, these claims are understood to be allowable. In addition, the remaining pending, withdrawn claims are also believed to be allowable in view of the claim amendments and the remarks below.

Withdrawn Claims

The Advisory Action dated February 21, 2007 stated that the amendment filed on January 30, 2007 was not entered because it would have required new consideration under 35 USC 112 of withdrawn dependent claims 17, 22, 24, 25, and 27-32. Claims 25 and 28 have been cancelled without prejudice by the present response. It is applicants' understanding that no amendments are required to dependent claims 17, 22, 24, 27, and 29-32 and that these claims should be in condition for allowance upon their rejoinder with the allowable claims from which they depend.


CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all grounds for rejection have been overcome and that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Enclosed is a Petition for Five Month Extension of Time. The extension of time fee in the amount of \$1,080 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 08190-014002.

Respectfully submitted,

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